

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 2, 2005

SENATE BILL

No. 677

Introduced by Senator Murray

February 22, 2005

An act to add Sections 19605.25 and 19605.46 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 677, as amended, Murray. Horse racing.

Existing law provides that all revenues distributed to the state as license fees from horse racing are required to be deposited in the Fair and Exposition Fund and are continuously appropriated to the Department of Food and Agriculture for various regulatory and general governmental purposes.

This bill would authorize an additional 5 satellite wagering facilities to be situated in Los Angeles County, as specified. The bill would also authorize the Alameda County Fair to operate 2 additional satellite wagering facilities, as specified.

By expanding wagering on horse racing by authorizing additional satellite wagering facilities, this bill would increase the amount of continuously appropriated license fees, thereby making an appropriation.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 19605.25 is added to the Business and
- 2 Professions Code, to read:

1 19605.25. (a) In addition to any authorized satellite wagering
2 facility, the board, with the approval of the Department of Food
3 and Agriculture, may authorize any fair or racing association in
4 the central zone to operate a satellite wagering facility pursuant
5 to this section if it finds that *it* is in the best interest of horse
6 racing.

7 (b) The racing associations situated in the central zone and
8 ~~quarter horse racing associations situated in the~~ southern zone
9 may join together with the Los Angeles County Fair, the 50th
10 Agricultural District, or the 51st Agricultural District to site an
11 additional five satellite wagering facilities in Los Angeles
12 County. The location of each of these satellite facilities shall be
13 mutually agreed upon by ~~any of these entities that has~~ *all of the*
14 *entities that have* a race track or satellite facility within ~~30~~ 20
15 miles of the proposed location of the new facility. Any of these
16 entities that has a race track or satellite facility located within ~~30~~
17 ~~miles of the proposed location of one of these five facilities~~ *the*
18 *central and southern zone* shall have the opportunity to invest in
19 the ownership and operation of that facility at the time of
20 approval of that facility by the board. The ~~organization~~
21 ~~organizations~~ representing thoroughbred ~~horsemen~~ owners and
22 thoroughbred trainers may also be a party to the ownership and
23 operation of these proposed facilities. *If the proposed satellite*
24 *wagering facility is situated at an existing business, within 20*
25 *miles of a racetrack situated in the city of Inglewood, that*
26 *business, with the approval of the board, may be licensed to*
27 *conduct satellite wagering with the consent of the racing*
28 *associations in the central and southern zones.*

29 (c) The distribution of the handle may, with the consent of the
30 affected horsemen's associations and racing associations, be
31 based on an agreement among the parties described in
32 subdivision (b), rather than the usual satellite distribution. Any
33 change in the distribution shall only affect the portions that are
34 intended for purses and commissions, and shall be agreed to by
35 all the racing associations, fair racing associations, and
36 horsemen's organizations in the central and southern zones.

37 SEC. 2. Section 19605.46 is added to the Business and
38 Professions Code, to read:

39 19605.46. Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 19605,
40 and Section 19605.1, the Alameda County Fair may, with the

1 approval of the Department of Food and Agriculture, the
2 authorization of the board, and subject to the conditions set forth
3 in Section 19605.3, operate two additional satellite wagering
4 facilities within the boundaries of the fair district. However, any
5 facility situated in the City of Oakland shall be sited only with
6 the concurrence of the racing association in Alameda County.
7 The racing association in Alameda County shall have the
8 opportunity to invest in the ownership and operation of any
9 satellite wagering facility situated in the City of Oakland or
10 within 20 miles of the racing association's race track in Alameda
11 County.

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